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Xcel Energy Foundation awards arts, environment grants

AMARILLO – The Xcel Energy Foundation has announced grants totaling \$142,500 to 29 nonprofit groups in Texas and New Mexico.

The grants were made through the Arts & Culture and Environment focus areas of the Xcel Energy Foundation, which grants money to nonprofit groups working in towns and cities served by Xcel Energy.

“A vibrant arts community and a healthy environment are leading quality of life indicators, and we are privileged to play a part in making our communities great places in which to live and work,” said Riley Hill, president and CEO of Southwestern Public Service Company, an Xcel Energy company.

The Foundation’s Arts & Culture and Environment focus areas are two of four annual grant cycles in which area nonprofits can participate. The other cycles are Education and Economic Sustainability. The Foundation also matches United Way contributions dollar for dollar and matches employee gifts to non-profit agencies dollar for dollar, Hill said.

Area groups that are receiving Arts & Culture funding are:

- Amarillo Little Theatre, Inc.
- Amarillo Museum of Art
- Amarillo Symphony Inc.
- Amarillo Youth Choirs, Inc.
- Armstrong County Museum, Inc. (Claude)
- Carlsbad Community Concert Association
- City of Levelland
- Clovis Community College
- CREATE a Beat (Pampa)
- Friends of Aeolin-Skinner Opus 1024 (Amarillo)
- Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts (Amarillo)
- Greater Southwest Music Festival (Amarillo)
- Hobbs Hispano Chamber of Commerce Foundation
- Lone Star Ballet, Inc. (Amarillo)
- Lubbock Arts Alliance, Inc.
- Pampa Community Concert Association
- Pecos Valley Jazz & Arts Festival, Inc. (Roswell)
- Roswell Area Arts Council

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- Roswell Community Little Theatre
- Roswell Fine Arts League/New Mexico Miniature Arts Society
- Roswell Symphony Orchestra
- Southwest Symphony, Inc. (Hobbs)
- Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation (Canyon)

Area groups receiving environmental grants are:

- Amarillo Zoological Society
- City of Wheeler
- The High Plains Institute for Applied Ecology (Bushland)
- National Wild Turkey Federation
- Wildcat Bluff Nature Center (Amarillo)

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